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1. WHILE THE USUN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE DETAILED COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR HENNING HJORT-NIELSEN DUE TO HIS EXTENDED SERVICE THERE PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO STOCKHOLM, I HAVE MET HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

2. THIS IS AMBASSADOR HJORT-NIELSEN'S LAST ASSIGNMENT. THE SCANDINAVIANS USUALLY ASSIGN ONE OF THEIR MOST SENIOR MEN TO SCANDANAVIA AS THEIR LAST POST, WHICH PERMITS THEM TO BE CLOSE TO HOME. HJORT-NIELSEN IS A QUIET, INTELLECTUAL MAN WHO HAS CLOSE PERSONAL LINKS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE. ON MAJOR ISSUES HE WILL GET ON THE TELEPHONE AND CONSULT THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY BEFORE MAKING A MOVE.

3. HJORT-NIELSEN IS PRO-AMERICAN AND A CONVINCED ATLANTACIST. I WOULD EXPECT THAT IN COPENHAGEN HIS LOYALTIES WILL BE SOMEWHAT SPLIT BETWEEN COOPERATION BETWEEN SCANDINAVIAN COUSINS AND DENMARK'S CLOSE TIES
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TO NATO AND THE COMMON MARKET.

4. HJORT-NIELSEN WAS BORN IN 1913 AND ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1946. HE HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER HAVING SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS IN 1963, AS DENMARK'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO IN 1966, AMBASSADOR TO BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG IN

1967, AMBASSADOR TO CANADA IN 1973 AND, MOST RECENTLY,
OF COURSE, AS THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN.

4. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT AMBASSADOR KENNEDY-MINOTT
MAY FIND IT WORTH HIS WHILE TO ESTABLISH A PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DANISH AMBASSADOR, AS THE
LATTER WILL PROBABLY HAVE ACCESS TO CERTAIN SWEDISH
CIRCLES WHICH OTHER NON-SCANDINAVIANS MIGHT NOT
HAVE QUITE AS EASILY.
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